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SYSTEMIC ACQUIRED RESISTANCE IN
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §
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Sir:

I, Pamela Ronald, Ph.D., being duly warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both (18 U.S.C. § 1001), and may jeopardize the validity of the patent application or any patent issuing thereon, state and declare as follows:

1. All statements herein made of my own knowledge are true, and statements made on information or belief are believed to be true and correct.
2. I am currently a professor in the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of California, Davis. I have been in this position and related positions for ten years.

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Before I became a professor, I was a post-doctoral fellow studying plant disease resistance at Cornell University.

3. In 1982, I graduated from Reed College with a bachelor of science in Biology. In 1990, I graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a Ph.D. in Molecular and Physiological Plant Biology. A copy of my curriculum vitae is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

4. This declaration is provided to demonstrate that expression of *NH1* (SEQ ID NO:4 of the above-referenced patent application) enhances resistance to pathogens when expressed in plants. Sense constructs of the *NH1* gene were generated in the Cambia 1300-derived vector (Ubi-C1300). This construct employs the maize Ubi promoter to drive *NH1* cDNA expression and carries a hygromycin resistance gene.

5. Transformation of rice cultivar Liao Geng was carried out with the *NH1* construct. Transformants were inoculated with the bacterial pathogen *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* Korean race1 strain DY89031. Enhanced resistance was observed in the transgenic lines. Exhibit B is a picture of transformant and control leaves 14 days after inoculation. At left are two leaves from the control line Liao Geng. The next two pairs are from leaves of two independently transformed lines, #11 and #27. These data demonstrate that plants with enhanced resistance to pathogens are produced by introducing into the plants a recombinant expression cassette directing expression of *NH1*.

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APPENDIX B

Resistance to Xoo Korean Race 1 Conferred by
Over-expression of the Rice NH1 Gene

